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**SECOND MEMBER OF N.H. LAKES REGION "CRACK" COCAINE RING
SENTENCED ON FEDERAL DISTRIBUTION CHARGES**

Re: United States v. John SWAIN

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and N.H. State Police Colonel Gary Sloper announced that **John SWAIN**, date of birth of 3/12/81, of Northfield, NH was sentenced on October 31, 2003 on crack cocaine distribution charges.

According to the affidavit accompanying a federal criminal complaint issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead on April 4, 2003, SWAIN was the leader of a street-level Laconia-based drug distribution network that sold "crack" cocaine to an informant working with the N.H. State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit in the Lakes Region during January and February, 2003. Previously convicted in the case were Christopher LANGILL, formerly of Belmont, NH, Mark CAMIRE of Belmont, NH, and Junior PAULINO, of Lawrence, MA.

On July 31, 2003, SWAIN entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Stephen McAuliffe to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, aka "crack" cocaine.

At today's sentencing, Judge McAuliffe imposed a sentence of 33 months imprisonment followed by a 3-year period of supervised release during which SWAIN's behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "My office is committed not only to aggressively prosecuting drug traffickers operating in Manchester and New Hampshire's other larger cities, but also those importing illegal drugs into smaller communities like those in the Lakes Region. The State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit conducted a thorough and aggressive investigation in this case, and these convictions stand as a prime example of the effectiveness of cooperative efforts between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in combating the disastrous impact of crack cocaine on our communities and their residents."

The conviction resulted from an investigation by the N.H. State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("New England OCDEF").